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In re

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William J. Schimmels

Application No. 10/610,685

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"ADJUSTABLE BLIND TRIMMING
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THE SAME"

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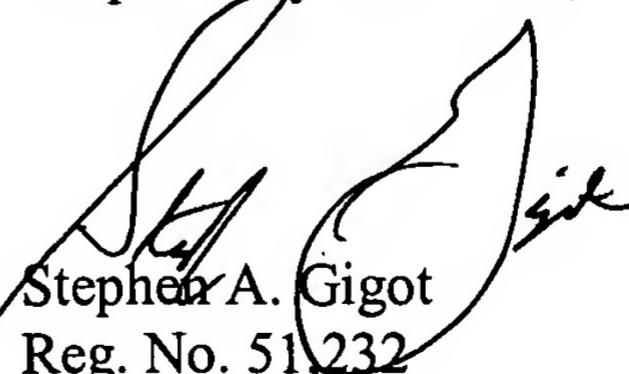
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement and Amendment in the above-identified application.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication responds to the Office action mailed August 11, 2004 and is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for reply. Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.